

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New claims 30-37 are added. Claims 1-21 and 30-37 are now active in this application.

REASON FOR ADDING CLAIMS 30-37

This reissue application was filed with original patent claims 1-21 and new claims 22-29. A RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT was filed on June 10, 2002 in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 9, 2002. In the RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, new claims 22-29 were cancelled as being directed to a non-elected invention and were submitted in Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015 filed June 10, 2002 also. In the Office communication dated November 5, 2003, the Examiner advised that claims 1-21 were allowable, but no reissue application which contains only un-amended patent claims and which does not correct an error in the original patent will be passed to issue. Thus, the present application would be suspended. Such suspension was, in fact to allow prosecution of new claims 22-29 that were now in Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015 filed June 10, 2002.

In an Office Action dated May 13, 2005 in Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015, the Examiner indicated that claims 21-29 (actually only claims 22-29 were pending in Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015) were allowable and that Applicants were required to meet the requirement under 37 CFR 1.177(c) to merge the claims of this suspended reissue application with the allowable claims of Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015 by placing all of the claims in one of the applications and expressly abandoning the other.

Consequently, new claims 30-37, corresponding to allowable claims 22-29 of Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015, are added to this reissue application and it is expressly directed that Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015 be abandoned.

The COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY IN REISSUE APPLICATION of this reissue application and of Divisional Reissue Application 10/166,015 are the same. Consequently, no new reissue declaration is believed necessary.

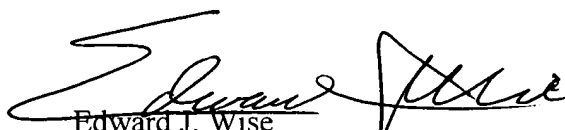
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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